

Marsh House
Bath, Beaufort County
North Carolina

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ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS

Palmer-Marsh House (Marsh House)
Main Street
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HABS No. NC-310

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE North Carolina	COUNTY Beaufort	TOWN OR VICINITY Bath
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Palmer-Marsh House		HABS NO. NC-310
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Marsh House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) C. 1744-1761	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Michael Coutanche, Builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Example of townhouse designed as place of business and private residence combined.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 54' x 30' (approx.); 2 stories with attic and basement; rectangular		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof; double-end chimney on east side; windows on brick wall between flues		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1960-1962 -- restored, porch reconstructed, small-pane window frames replaced, original interior partitioning restored		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Museum		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Constructed for Michael Coutanch, Boston, mariner; purchased 1764 by Robert Palmer, Surveyor General of North Carolina; purchased in 1810 by Jonathan Marsh, shipping master from Rhode Island See HABS No. NC-311 for the Palmer-Marsh Smokehouse.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places		
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